Manage a Casualty's Airway

No Airway = No Patient

Airway Management

- Remember your General Impression. If a casualty is speaking, his airway is secure.
- If necessary, open airway manually:
  - Head-Tilt/Chin-Lift
  - Modified Jaw Thrust
- If you have any doubts, secure the airway mechanically.

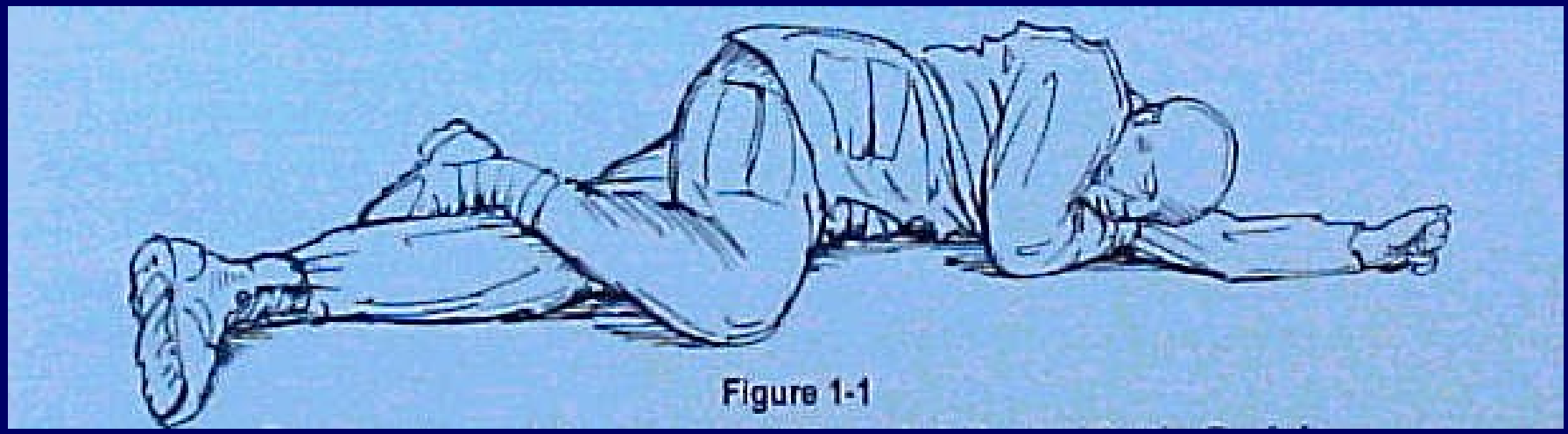
Airway Management

Mechanically Securing an Airway
(use of a device to keep airway open)

- Nasopharyngeal Airway (Nasal Trumpet)
- Emergency Crichothyroidotomy

Airway Management

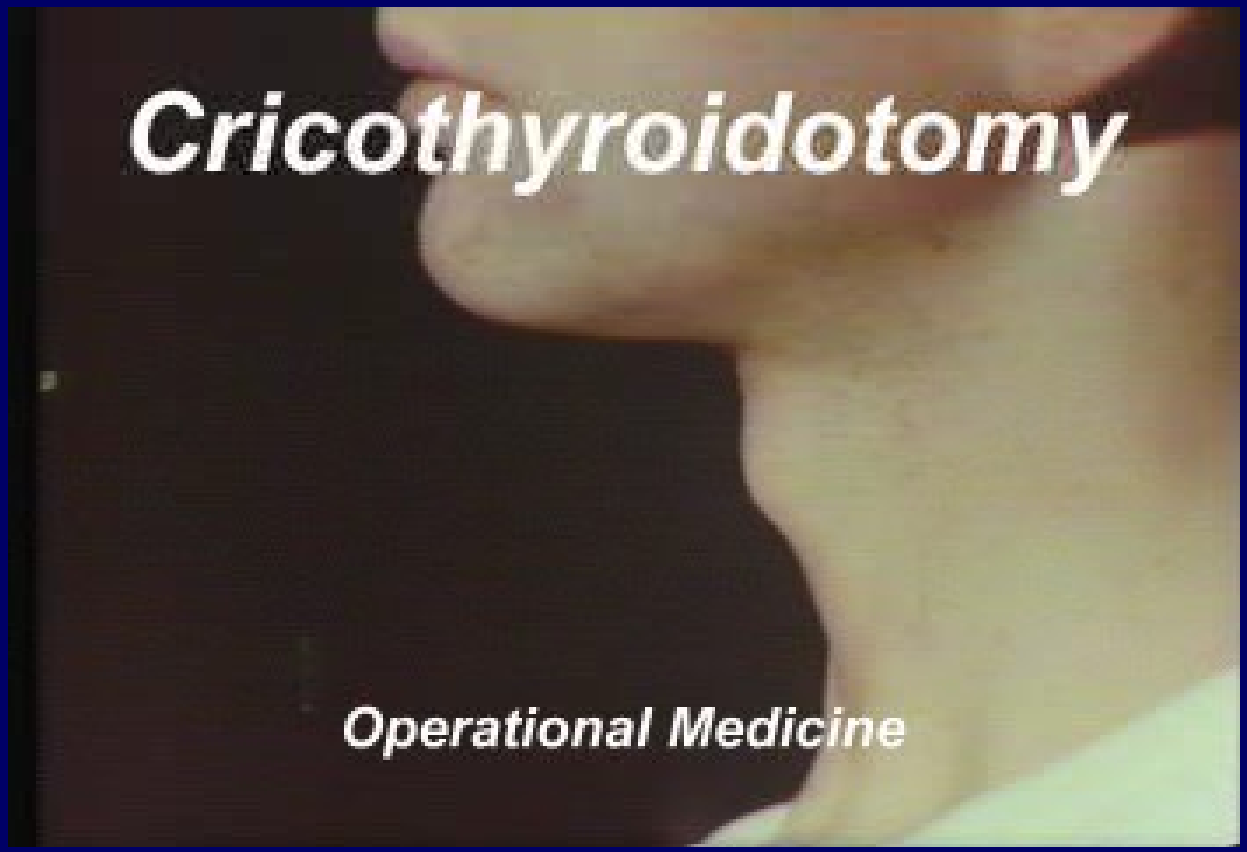
- If you have to leave a casualty for any reason, place the casualty in the recovery position.
- Detail a soldier to monitor casualty's condition.



Nasopharyngeal Airway

- ✓ Measure for proper size
- ✓ Use sterile, water soluble lubricant
- ✓ Insert with bevel towards septum
- ✓ t, try nostril

Cricothyroidotomy



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